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LBCC Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit

In celebration of "Hispanic Heritage" month, Linn-Benton Community College will exhibit the artwork of Humberto Gonzalez and Yolanda Valdés in the LBCC North Santiam Hall Gallery, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany, through November 23.

Gonzalez and Valdés are professional artists living and working in Portland. Gonzalez was born in Camargo, Tamaulipas Mexico. His family immigrated to McAllen, Texas in 1954. In 1971, Gonzalez moved to Lebanon, where he taught Spanish, painting, drawing, English fiction and novel at Lebanon Union High School before retiring in 1999.

Gonzalez is currently painting full time, traveling throughout the Pacific Northwest to find favorite viewpoints to paint on-site using watercolor and acrylic paint.

Valdés is a native of Ensenada, Baja California. Her paintings have been exhibited at the Oregon State Fair, the Oregon State Capitol and numerous other venues, and are on permanent display at Oregon State University. She has taught art and Spanish in the Portland area, Mexico and South America.

Valdés received her bachelor of arts from Portland State University, and studied art at Clackamas Community College, the Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana, the Museo del Prado in Madrid, Spain, and the Escuela Normal Nueva Galicia School of Education in Guadalajara, Mexico.

LBCC North Santiam Hall Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the gallery at 541-917-4247.

"Field of Dreams"
Yolanda Valdes
Acrylic on Canvas

"Baja Mission"
Humberto Gonzalez
Watercolor

"Tortilla Maker"
Humberto Gonzalez
Watercolor